

(2) Upon issuance, the merchant mariner credential must remain in the custody of the employer at all times;

(3) Upon termination of employment, the merchant mariner credential must be returned to the Coast Guard within 10 days in accordance with §12.40-7 of this subpart;

(4) A non-resident alien issued a merchant mariner credential under this subpart may not perform watchstanding, engine room duty watch, or vessel navigation functions; and

(5) A non-resident alien issued a merchant mariner credential under this subpart may perform emergency-related duties provided:

(i) The emergency-related duties do not require any other rating or endorsement, except lifeboatman as specified in paragraph (a)(3) of this section;

(ii) The non-resident alien has completed familiarization and basic safety training as required in §15.1105 of this subchapter;

(iii) That if the non-resident alien serves as a lifeboatman, he or she must have the necessary lifeboatman's endorsement; and

(iv) The non-resident alien has completed the training for crewmembers on passenger ships performing duties involving safety or care for passengers, as required in subpart 12.35 of this part.

(c) A non-resident alien may only serve for an aggregate period of 36 months actual service on all authorized U.S. flag large passenger vessels combined under the provisions of this subpart:

(1) Once this 36-month limitation is reached, the merchant mariner credential becomes invalid and must be returned to the Coast Guard under §12.40-7(d) of this subpart, and the non-resident alien is no longer authorized to serve in a position requiring a merchant mariner credential on any U.S. flag large passenger vessel; and

(2) An individual who successfully adjusts his or her immigration status to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the United States or who becomes a United States citizen may apply for a merchant mariner credential, subject to the requirements of §10.221 of this subchapter,

without any restrictions or limitations imposed by this subpart.

#### **§ 12.40-15 Alternative means of compliance.**

(a) The owner or managing operator of a U.S. flag large passenger vessel, or U.S. flag large passenger vessels, seeking to employ non-resident aliens issued merchant mariner credential under this subpart may submit a plan to the Coast Guard, which, if approved, will serve as an alternative means of complying with the requirements of this subpart.

(b) The plan must address all of the elements contained in this subpart, as well as the related elements contained in §15.530 of this subchapter, to the satisfaction of the Coast Guard.

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